STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT Sitting as the Law Court Docket No. BCD-20-126

Delbert Reed

v.

ORDER ESTABLISHING COURSE OF APPEAL

Secretary of State et al.

Delbert A. Reed and the Industrial Energy Consumer Group have separately appealed from the order of the Business and Consumer Docket (*Murphy, J.*), entered on April 13, 2020, affirming the amended determination of the Secretary of State, dated April 1, 2020, that the petition for initiated legislation entitled "Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project" was valid. The appeal is governed by 21-A M.R.S. § 905 (2020) and the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure. The Clerk of the Law Court has docketed the appeal under Law Court docket number BCD-20-126.

It is ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The Clerk of the Business and Consumer Docket must transmit the record on appeal to the Clerk of the Law Court on or before **Tuesday, April 21, 2020**, at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Any interested person or organization may file a brief as an amicus curiae pursuant to M.R. App. P. 9(e) without consent of the parties or separate leave of the Court.

- 3. The parties and any amici must file their briefs and submit the required electronic versions of their briefs, and Reed must file the appendix, on or before **Thursday**, **April 23**, **2020**, **at 3:00 p.m**.
- 4. No reply briefs or other briefing is permitted.
- 5. The Court will hold an argument on the appeal by videoconference on **Tuesday**, **April 28**, **2020**, **at 10:00 a.m**. Only the audio of the videoconference will be streamed on the Court's website.
- 6. The Court will hold a "rehearsal" at some point before the argument to ensure that all technology works correctly and that all counsel are able to use the technology. The Clerk of the Law Court will contact counsel to arrange the date and time of the rehearsal. For the rehearsal, each attorney who will be arguing must be at the place from which the attorney will participate in the argument and must use the exact device(s) and internet connection that the attorney will use to participate in the argument.
- 7. The Court will establish a "high-profile case" page on its website at www.courts.maine.gov/corridor. All available information on the case, all documents filed, and all orders and notices issued by

the Court will be posted on that page as expeditiously as possible.

The Clerk's office will not provide information about this appeal over the phone or in person.

Dated: April 16, 2020

For the Court,

Associate Justice

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